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1. FOLLOWING IS SENT BY SHRUM (EB/TD) OF VISITING WARC TEAM. HUFFCUTT (EB/TD) IS REQUESTED TO PASS TO PROBST, CUTTS AND SOLOMON (DOD).
2. THE MID-EAST WARC TEAM, CONSISTING OF SHRUM, URBANY (NTIA), COOK (DOD), AND TYCZ (FCC), COMPLETED TWO VISITS DURING THE SECOND WEEK OF THE TRIP. DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD IN RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA ON APRIL 30 AND MAY 1, AND IN TEHRAN, IRAN ON MAY 3 AND 4. AS IN PREVIOUS COUNTRIES, THE TEAM IDENTIFIED AND MET WITH KEY OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR WARC PREPARATIONS. THE SAUDIS HAD NOT STARTED FORMAL PREPARATION OR GIVEN MUCH THOUGHT TO THE

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ISSUES, ALTHOUGH SEVERAL ITU EXPERTS SERVING AS ADVISORS TO THE PTT OFFERED SIGNIFICANT COMMENTS. CONTRARY TO NEARLY ALL COUNTRIES VISITED THUS FAR, THE IRANIANS HAVE UNDERTAKEN AN IMPRESSIVE PROGRAM TO PREPARE FOR ALL ISSUES TO BE TREATED AT THE WARC. THIS EFFORT INCLUDES PARTICIPATION BY ALL AFFECTED RADIO USERS AND AGENCIES IN IRAN. THE U.S. WILL FIND

THE IRANIAN DELEGATION TO BE VERY WELL PREPARED TECHNICALLY, OPERATIONALLY AND POLITICALLY. IN SUMMARY THE DISCUSSIONS IN BOTH COUNTRIES WERE CONSIDERED TO BE VERY WORTHWHILE, AND THE OVERALL FOUR-COUNTRY TRIP HAS BEEN HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL. A DETAILED REPORT HAS BEEN PREPARED BY THE TEAM FOR APPROPRIATE DISTRIBUTION.

3. SAUDI ARABIA: SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE TEAM MET ON APRIL 30 WITH IBRAHIM AHMED OBAID, DEPUTY MINISTER OF PTT, ABDUL RAHMAN DAGHISTANI, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS, AND KEY ADVISORS FOR A BRIEF PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION. MORE DETAILED TALKS WERE HELD WITH DAGHISTANI AND ADVISORS ON MAY 1. UNFORTUNATELY, THERE WERE NO REPRESENTATIVES ON THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION (MININFO). SEVERAL OFFICERS OF THE EMBASSY LIAISON OFFICE IN RIYADH WERE BRIEFED ON THE WARC DURING THE TWO-DAY VISIT. MAJOR POINTS PICKED UP IN RIYADH ARE AS FOLLOWS: (A) THERE WAS GENERAL CONCERN ABOUT THE EXISTING FIRST COME/FIRST SERVE CONCEPT IN THE REGULATIONS. AS A RESULT DAGHISTANI SUGGESTED THAT A NEW ITU REGION FOUR BE ESTABLISHED, CONSISTING OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OF AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST. IN THEIR VIEW THIS WOULD GIVE THE LDCS PRESENTLY SUBMERGED IN REGION 1 MORE FLEXIBILITY AND MAKE MORE FREQUENCIES AVAILABLE TO THEM TO MEET THEIR RAPIDLY EXPANDING REQUIREMENTS. (B) CONCERNING THE GENERAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, IT WAS POINTED OUT TO THE TEAM THAT THEIR RELIANCE ON HF FOR DOMESTIC FIXED SERVICES WAS DUE NOT ONLY TO ECONOMIC REASONS, BUT ALSO TO A GENERAL LACK OF FREQUENCY MANAGEMENT EXPERTISE. THERE IS A RELUCTANCE TO MOVE TO VHF AND UHF SYSTEMS BECAUSE OF MORE COMPLEX TECHNICAL AND SYSTEM MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS. VERY FEW COUNTRIES HAVE MONITORING AND EQUIPMENT CALIBRATION CAPABILITY, FOR EXAMPLE, WHICH ARE NECESSARY FOR EFFICIENT AND INTERFERENCE-FREE OPERATION. DISCUSSION OF THIS MATTER CONCLUDED ON THE POSSIBILITY OF ITU AND/OR REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDING FREQUENCY MANAGEMENT EDUCATION AND ASSISTANCE AS A MEANS OF OBTAINING BETTER FREQUENCY UTILIZATION IN THE FUTURE. (C) SAUDI REPRESENTATIVES SUGGESTED THAT THE WARC ADOPT A RESOLUTION CALLING ON DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO USE MORE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY AND HIGHER FREQUENCY BANDS AS A WAY OF PROVIDING MORE FREQUENCIES FOR THE RAPIDLY INCREASING REQUIREMENTS OF LDCS. THE TEAM CONSIDERS THIS IDEA TO BE WORTHY OF CONSIDERATION FOR THE U.S. PROPOSALS, SINCE IT WOULD HELP TO EMPHASIZE OUR OBJECTIVE OF ACCOMMODATING THE FREQUENCY REQUIREMENTS OF ALL COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD. OF COURSE, THE TIMING AND

PRESENTATION OF SUCH A PRINCIPLE NEEDS CONSIDERABLE
THOUGHT.

4. IRAN: THE TEAM MET ON MAY 3 WITH AMINOLLAH HAKIMIAN,
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS, PTT, HIS DEPUTY
SIAMAK NADIMI, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM PTT, NATIONAL
IRANIAN RADIO AND TELEVISION (NIRT) (MININFO), TELE-
COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY OF IRAN (TCI), AIR FORCE, THE
JOINT MILITARY STAFF (J6), AND THE CIVIL AVIATION
ORGANIZATION (CAO). THE MEETING WAS ALSO WELL ATTENDED
BY ADVISORS FROM THE U.S.-CONSULTING FRIM AMERICAN BELL
INTERNATIONAL INC.(ABII), WHICH IS PROVIDING FREQUENCY
MANAGEMENT AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT TO THE
IRANIAN GOVERNMENT (SEE MORE BELOW). ABII REPRESENTATIVES
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DID NOT OF THE TALKING FOR THE IRANIAN SIDE, EXCEPT FOR
NIRT/BROADCASTING MATTERS. ON
MAY 4 THE TEAM MET WITH PLANNING AND ENGINEERING STAFF
OF THE NIRT. THE KEY SPOKESMEN FOR NIRT WERE KAVOUSS
ARASTEH, MANAGER FOR SOUND BROADCAST PLANNING AND NIRT
REPRESENTATIVE TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND

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MEHDI KIAN, CHIEF, TELECOMMUNICATIONS ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT. THE TEAM MET WITH AND BRIEFED INTERESTED EMBOFFS ON MAY 4. SEVERAL OF THE KEY ITEMS LEARNED IN TEHRAN ARE AS FOLLOWS: (A) ABII IS PROVIDING SUBSTANTIAL CONSULTING SUPPORT TO THE PTT, MILITARY AND POSSIBLY OTHER ELEMENTS OF THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT, IN THE AMOUNT OF 142 MILLION DOLLARS IN FY-1978 AND APPROXIMATELY ONE BILLION DOLLARS TOTAL OVER SEVERAL YEARS. ITS EFFECT IN THE FREQUENCY MANAGMENT AREA IS IMPRESSIVE, TO SAY THE LEAST. IRAN IS RAPIDLY MOVING TOWARD A MODERN U.S.-TYPE CAPABILITY, INCLUDING AUTOMATED FREQUENCY RECORDS, SOPHISTICATED MONITORING, AND EMC ANALYSIS. FOR THE PAST FIVE MONTHS THEY HAVE HELD BI-WEEKLY MEETINGS TO DISCUSS WARC ISSUES, VERY SIMILAR TO IRAC AD HOC 144. DETAILED REGULATIONS AND A NATIONAL ALLOCATION TABLE HAVE BEEN DRAFTED. ALTHOUGH FINAL DECISIONS ARE MADE BY THE PTT AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, ABII CLEARLY HAS A STRONG INFLUENCE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF IRANIAN ATTITUDES, POLICY AND PROCEDURE

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IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS MATTERS. (B) ALL ELEMENTS OF THE IRANIAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE ARE ACTIVE IN REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND WILL INCREASE THEIR INVOLVMENT IN THE FUTURE. FOR EXAMPLE, HAKIMIAN IS ATTENDING THE ADMIN COUNCIL THIS YEAR FOR THE FIRST TIME, AND HE OR HIS DEPUTY WILL ATTNE THE CCIR PLENARY IN KYOTO. THE IRANIANS PLAN TO SUBMIT DOCUMENTS TO THE CCIR SPM AND TO SEND AT LEAST 20 REPRESENTATIVES, INCLUDING HAKIMAIN, BRIGADIER GENERAL MORADKHANI OF THE AIR FORCE, AND 10 PERSONS FOR NIRT. NIRT IS ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN THE ABU, EBU, CCIR, AS WELL AS OTHER REGIONAL DISCUSSIONS. IN SUMMARY IT APPEARS OBVIOUS THAT IRAN WILL TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE WARC, BASED ON WELL-DEFINED NATINAL OBJECTVES AND SOLID TECHNICAL SUPPORT. (C) NIRT PRESENTED A NUMBER OF SPECIFIC VIEWS AND QUESTIONS TO THE TEAM, MANY OF WHICH ARE UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION IN THE VARIOUS BROADCASTING UNIONS. THESE INCLUDED A PROPOSAL BY REGION 3 COUNTRIES TO ADD AN ALLOCATION FOR LOW FREQUENCY (LONG WAVE) BROADCASTING, THE NEED TO EXPAND HF BROADCAST ALLOCATIONS FOR BOTH DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICES, A DESIRE TO ADD BROADCASTING-SATELLITE ALLOCATION (SOUND ONLY) IN THE 500 TO 1000 MHZ BAND (PREFERABLY AROUND 900 MHZ) AND A DESIRE TO ADD FIXED-SATELLITE ALLOCATION TO THE 14.5 - 15.0 GHZ BAND FOR FEEDER LINKS TO THE BROADCAST SATELLITES. (D) IRAN HAS ALREADY ADVANCE PUBLISHED

THEIR ZOREH DOMESTIC SATELLITE SYSTEM. BOTH TELECOM-
MUNICATIONS AND BROADCAST SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED
IN THE 11 TO 14 GHZ BANDS, WITH A PROJECTED LAUNCH
DATE IN THE 1982-1983 TIME FRAME. THEREFORE, THEY
HAVE A KEEN INTEREST IN ALLOCATION DECISIONS IN THAT
PART OF THE SPECTRUM.
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5. MISCELLANEOUS: AS IN THE EARLIER COUNTRIES ON THIS
TRIP, THE WARC TEAM RECEIVED EXCELLENT SUPPORT AND
INTEREST FROM BOTH PARTIES CONCERNED. THE TEAM
CONSIDERS THIS TRIP AS BEING EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL AND
WORTHWHILE. IN
EACH CASE THE COUNTRIES VISITED ARE
FRIENDLY AND RECEPTIVE TO U.S. INTERESTS. AT
THE SAME TIME, THEY HAVE A LEADING POSITION AND MODERATING
INFLUENCE AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. IT IS ANTICIPATED
THAT EACH WILL PROVIDE A UNIQUE LINK BETWEEN THE U.S.
AND THE THIRD WORLD IN OUR PREPARATIONS FOR THE
WARC AND WILL PROVIDE TO BE EVALUABLE POINTS OF
CONTACT DURING THE CONFERENCE.
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